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SUBJECT: SLOVENIA WAITING ON NEW PARLIAMENT FOR NATO
ENLARGEMENT RATIFICATION

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(C) On October 9, emboff met with Mateja Kracun, First Secretary in the MFA's NATO Section, to determine the status of Slovenia's ratification of the accession agreements for Albania and Croatia (reftel). Kracun said that Slovenia strongly favors Albania and Croatia's accession to NATO; she speculated that the new parliament could address the ratification question four to six weeks after its first constitutive session on October 15. In parliament, the defense and foreign affairs committees separately will likely address the issue before forwarding it to the full parliament for a vote. Slovenia would categorize this as a defense matter, for which the constitution requires a two-thirds majority (60 votes) for approval. Comment: We expect parliament to pass the measure easily.
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